

CLAIMS

1. Tube having in its radial direction, from the inside to the outside, a so-called inner layer based on a fluororesin (or fluropolymer) and intended to come into contact with a flowing fluid, characterized in that the inner layer is formed from a blend comprising a semicrystalline thermoplastic fluororesin and an ABC triblock copolymer, the three blocks A, B and C being linked together in this order, each block being either a homopolymer or a copolymer obtained from two or more monomers, the A block being linked to the B block and the B block to the C block by means of a covalent bond or of an intermediate molecule linked to one of these blocks via a covalent bond and to the other block via another covalent bond, and in that:
- the A block is compatible with the fluororesin,
  - the B block is incompatible with the fluororesin and is incompatible with the A block, and
  - the C block is incompatible with the fluororesin, the A block and the B block.
2. Tube according to Claim 1, wherein characterized in that it is a bilayer and comprises an outer layer made of polyamide or of a polyamide/polyolefin blend having a polyamide matrix, the inner layer and the polyamide or polyamide-matrix layer being fastened together.
3. Tube according to Claim 1, characterized in that it is a bilayer and comprises an outer layer made of polyamide or of a polyamide/polyolefin blend having a polyamide matrix, the inner layer and the polyamide or polyamide-matrix layer being fastened together by the addition of a functional acrylic compound to the blend of the inner layer.
4. Tube according to Claim 1, characterized in that it is a trilayer and comprises an outer layer made of polyamide or of a polyamide/polyolefin blend having a polyamide matrix, the inner layer and the polyamide or polyamide-matrix layer being fastened together by an adhesion binder placed between them.
5. Tube according to Claim 1, characterized in that it is a multilayer and comprises a layer made of polyamide or of a polyamide/polyolefin blend having a polyamide matrix, the inner layer and the polyamide or polyamide-matrix layer being fastened together by a succession of intermediate layers, each of which is fastened to its adjacent layers.
6. Tube according to one of Claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the ABC triblock copolymer contains, as by-products of its synthesis, a BC diblock copolymer and possibly C homopolymer.

- A 7. Tube according to one of Claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the ABC triblock copolymer contains, as by-products of its synthesis, an AB diblock copolymer and possibly some A homopolymer.
- A 8. Tube according to one of Claims 1 to 7, characterized in that the blend 5 of the inner layer contains a dispersed electrically conductive carbon black filler in an amount sufficient to give this inner layer a surface resistivity of less than or equal to  $10^9 \Omega/\square$  and preferably less than or equal to  $10^6 \Omega/\square$ .
- A 9. Tube according to one of Claims 1 to 8, characterized in that the blend 10 of the semicrystalline thermoplastic fluororesin and the ABC triblock copolymer, possibly with the by-products of its synthesis, contains at least 50% and preferably from 70 to 97% by weight of semicrystalline thermoplastic fluororesin(s) and the balance (to 100%) by weight of the triblock copolymer of number-average molecular mass ( $M_n$ ) greater than or equal to  $20,000 \text{ g.mol}^{-1}$  and preferably between 50,000 and 200,000  $\text{g.mol}^{-1}$ , possibly with its by-products, consisting of:  
- 20 to 93 and preferably 30 to 70 parts by weight of A sequences,  
- 5 to 68 and preferably 10 to 40 parts by weight of B sequences,  
- 2 to 65 and preferably 5 to 40 parts by weight of C sequences,  
the percentages being calculated with respect to the total weight of fluororesin(s) with the block copolymer and possibly its by-products, without taking into account in these percentages the optional presence of other additives.
- A 10. Tube according to one of Claims 1 to 9, characterized in that the 20 fluororesin is chosen from:  
- homopolymers and copolymers of vinylidene fluoride (VF2) preferably containing at least 50% by weight of VF2 and at least one other fluoromonomer, such as chlorotrifluoroethylene (CTFE), hexafluoropropylene (HFP), trifluoroethylene (VF3) and tetrafluoroethylene (TFE);  
- homopolymers and copolymers of trifluoroethylene (VF3);  
- copolymers, and especially terpolymers, combining the residues of chlorotrifluoroethylene (CTFE), tetrafluoroethylene (TFE) or hexafluoropropylene 25 (HFP) units and/or ethylene and possibly VF2 and/or VF3 units.
- A 11. Tube according to Claim 10, characterized in that the fluororesin is poly(vinylidene fluoride) (PVDF).
- A 12. Tube according to one of Claims 1 to 11, characterized in that the B 30 block has a glass transition temperature  $T_{g(B)}$ , measured by differential thermal analysis, ranging from  $-100^\circ\text{C}$  to  $-50^\circ\text{C}$ .
- A 13. Tube according to one of Claims 1 to 12, characterized in that the B 35 block is chosen from polydienes, especially polybutadiene, polyisoprene and their random copolymers, or else from polydienes, especially polybutadiene,

polyisoprene and their random copolymers, that are partially or completely hydrogenated.

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5. 14. Tube according to one of Claims 1 to 13, characterized in that the C block has a glass transition temperature  $T_{g(C)}$  or a melting point  $T_{m(C)}$  greater than the  $T_{g(B)}$  of the B block.

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15. 15. Tube according to one of Claims 1 to 14, characterized in that the A block is chosen from homopolymers and copolymers of alkyl (alkyl)acrylates, for example methyl methacrylate (MMA) and/or methyl or ethyl acrylate and/or those deriving from vinyl acetate.

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10. 16. Tube according to one of Claims 1 to 15, characterized in that the A block is poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA).

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17. 17. Tube according to Claim 16, characterized in that the PMMA is syndiotactic and its glass transition temperature  $T_{g(A)}$ , measured by differential thermal analysis, is from + 120°C to + 140°C.

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15. 18. Tube according to one of Claims 1 to 17, characterized in that the ABC triblock is poly(methyl methacrylate-*b*-butadiene-*b*-styrene).

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19. 19. Quadrilayer tube according to one of Claims 1 to 18, characterized by the following structure:

PA/binder/fluoropolymer/fluoropolymer + ABC triblock + electrically conductive carbon black.

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20. 20. Quadrilayer tube according to one of Claims 1 to 18, characterized by the following structure:

PA/binder/fluoropolymer + ABC triblock/fluoropolymer + ABC triblock + electrically conductive carbon black.

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